

Partners:

I know that many of you received an Economic Stimulus Package Action Alert from Jeremy earlier this week, but I wanted to provide you additional information. Meetings are being held on the hill today to discuss the contents of an economic stimulus package. This package will be finalized over the coming weeks and is expected to be passed by Congress for President Obama to sign once he is sworn into office.

In addition to the Economic Stimulus Proposal that NACD sent to the hill http://www.nacdnet.org/policy/input/letters/stimulus_proposal.pdf , we have been working with a broader coalition of conservation, wildlife and environmental groups on a more comprehensive package to send to the hill.

This proposal was finalized yesterday, endorsed by 31 organizations – and includes many of the items in NACD's proposal, but also includes additional programs and projects. I have attached the documents, as I know many of you partner with these organizations at the state and local level and may be able to support these efforts.

This proposal includes Watershed Rehab, 319 Grants, many forestry/habitat projects and regional specific programs addressing the Great Lakes, Everglades, Mississippi River, Missouri River, Chesapeake Bay, Puget Sound and others. This proposal may not be perfect, but represents a positive step of a coalition to address important funding needs in the conservation/restoration programs.

Please continue to make contact with your Members of Congress. The immediate timing of this is critical and this is an opportunity to address funding for many critical programs and projects that are environmentally beneficial and will result in the creation of jobs and stimulate the economy.

Please let me or Jeremy know if you have any questions.

Thanks.

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